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Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal

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I am pleased to announce that the Office of the State Fire Marshal is conducting a statewide fire safety poster contest. The purpose of the contest is to recognize those elementary school students that best demonstrate an understanding of fire safety tips.

The contest will take place during the month of October to coincide with Fire Prevention Week (October 6-12) to help emphasize and support your fire safety education efforts. The contest will be divided into two age groups: Grades K -3 and Grades 4-6.

Posters will be judged first by local fire departments, and those winning local entries will be submitted to the State Fire Marshal where a winner in each category will be named. All entries submitted to our office will be displayed in the State Capitol rotunda during a week in January. The two state-wide winners will be invited to meet Governor Sam Brownback and myself and have their pictures taken with us in the Governor's office.

Contest rules, datelines and other information are enclosed and must be followed to be considered.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to work with the schools in your fire district to reinforce your efforts in safeguarding Kansans and, in particular, its children.

Sincerely,

Doug Jorgensen
State Fire Marshal

FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

HOW TO ENTER

Fire departments are encouraged work with their local elementary schools in the initial round. The fire department (or local school official if the fire department is not participating) selects its local winners – a maximum of one in each grade category to be sent to the Division of State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal will appoint a committee to review all submissions and will select six state finalists in each grade category for special recognition. (NOTE: A fire department (or school) may also recognize additional “winners” locally.)

TIMELINE

- In early October, participating fire departments should meet with school officials and introduce contest.
- A copy of the Rules for Fire Safety Posters should be provided to the participating schools.
- Students can begin work on the posters.

Information provided on the back of each poster should include:

- Name of student
 - Grade and age of Student
 - Name of Fire Department with FDID number if fire department is participating
 - Name of School
 - Classroom or Teachers name
 - Address and phone number of school to be clearly printed or label attached
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- Posters are submitted to the fire department (or school officials where a fire department is not participating) for the selection of local winners.
 - Fire departments and/or schools are encouraged to recognize participants locally.
 - Artwork may be displayed locally to help emphasize fire safety awareness.
 - Entries should be submitted locally by November 1.
 - Fire department (or school official where a fire department is not participating) should submit, from the local finalists - one selection from each age group – total of two posters - to the State Fire Marshal by November 30. Entries should be mailed to Office of the State Fire Marshal, Fire Safety Poster Contest, 700 SW Jackson, Suite 600, Topeka, KS 66603-3714.
 - The OSFM staff will select a winning entry from each age group, and those winners will be invited to have their picture taken on a date in January with Governor Brownback and Fire Marshal Jorgensen.
 - All local winners will be on display during a week in January.